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STATE FOR WHA/AND, WHA/ESPC  
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STATE PASS EXIMBANK FOR AMERICAS DIVISION  
COMMERCE FOR 4331/IEP/OLA/AND/JANGLIN AND FOR  
3134/USFCS/IOI/WH/DLUTTER  
ENERGY FOR GARY WARD AND ERIKA BENSEN

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TAGS: PTER, PINR, EPET, ENRG, ECON, KPRP, CO  
SUBJECT: OXY STILL OUT OF COMMISSION

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1. (U) CLASSIFIED BY AMB. ANNE PATTERSON FOR REASONS  
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2. (C) SUMMARY: ONLY 11 HOURS AFTER RESUMING  
PRODUCTION ON MARCH 13 OXY HAD TO STOP DUE TO ATTACKS  
ON A WELLHEAD AND THE PIPELINE. ONE OF ITS UNARMED  
GUARDS WAS ALSO KIDNAPPED.

END SUMMARY.

3. (C) ON MARCH 13, OCCIDENTAL PETROLEUM COLOMBIA BEGAN  
PUMPING AGAIN FOR THE FIRST TIME SINCE FEBRUARY 15.  
PUMPING WAS INTERRUPTED AFTER 11 HOURS BY AN ELN ATTACK  
ON A WELLHEAD ON THE MORNING OF THE 14TH AND AN

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AFTERNOON ATTACK ON THE PIPELINE. AN UNARMED GUARD WAS  
ALSO KIDNAPPED DURING THE ATTACK ON THE WELL. SO ONCE  
AGAIN, OXY PRODUCTION HAS CEASED. OXY HAS NOW ONLY  
PRODUCED OIL FOR THREE DAYS SINCE FEBRUARY 1.  
PRODUCTION IS EXPECTED TO RESUME BY NEXT WEEK.

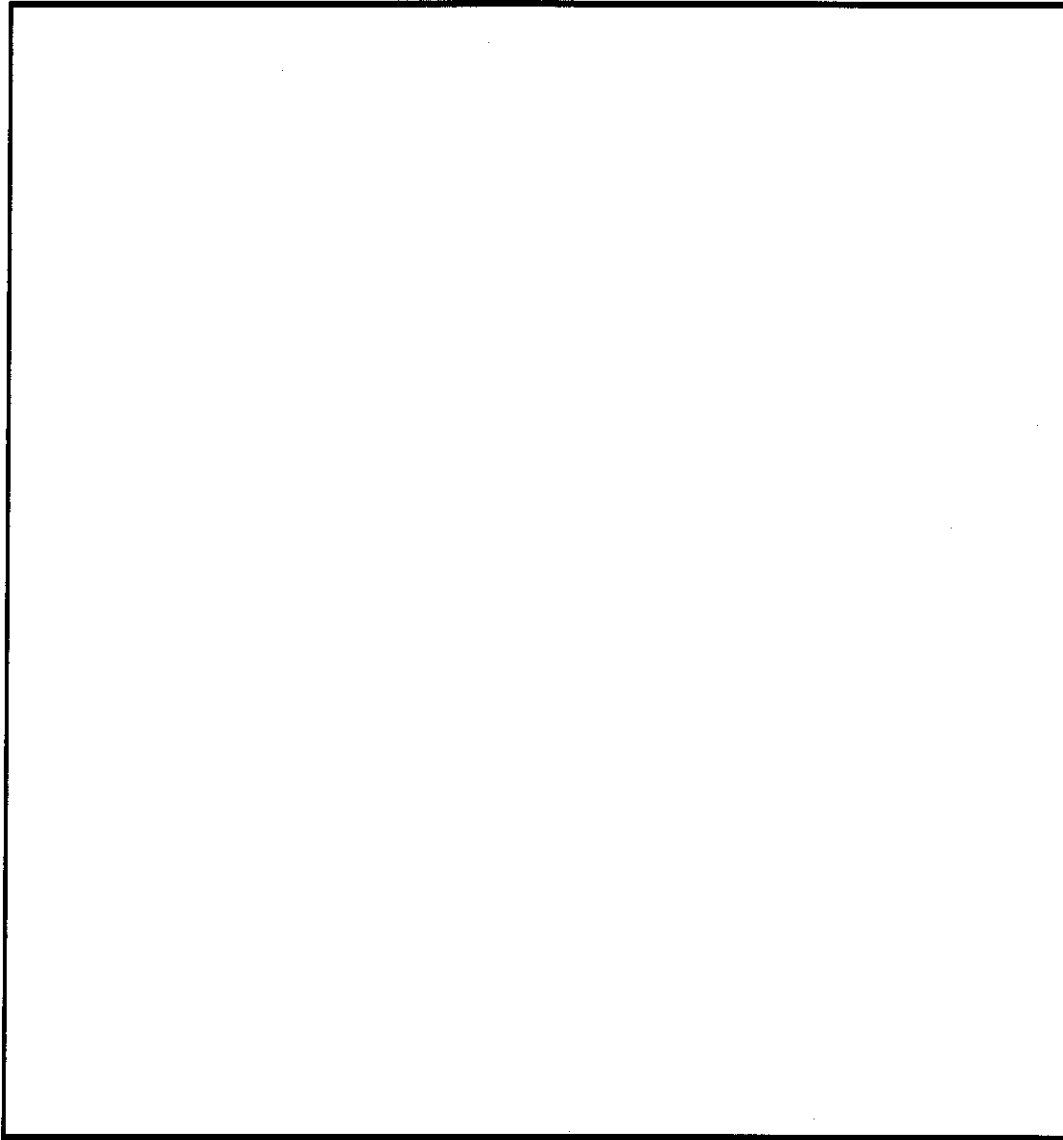
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